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The second Monday in January is the time fixed by law for the meetings of the electors of President and Vice-President at the capitals of their respective states.

Congress met on Monday last and the first thing it found necessary to do, was to pass a bill authorizing a government loan of \$5,000,000 to make good the treasury deficit made by the Republican party's profligacy during the past four years.

Mr. HARRISON says he would not accept a position in the Cabinet if it were tendered him. He prefers his place as Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CLEVELAND has returned from an island off the Virginia coast where he had been shooting ducks for a couple of weeks. He had good luck and is said to be an excellent wing shot.

EVERY Republican spokesman, from the President down, now that the Republican party is about to retire from control of the government, is an ardent civil service reformer.

ACCORDING to official returns Mr. Cleveland beat Mr. Harrison Illinois 26,903. The Democrats elected the two congressmen-at-large and the governor by nearly as large pluralities.

PRESIDENT HARRISON's final annual message to Congress is neither a remarkable nor a sensational document. It is on the contrary a very mild and tame affair and has excited but comparatively little attention. In its nine columns he lauds that his Force Bill suggestions could not be submitted to a non-partisan commission, for approval or rejection.

If Mr. President Harrison would

but think for a moment, he would re-

member, says the *Watchman*, no later than the 5th of November last, an entirely non-partisan commission passed upon the merits of his suggestions, on this question, and the majority against them was somewhere in the neighbor-

hood of six hundred thousand.

THE vote in California is so close that if the decision of the Presidential election depended upon the result in that state, great interest in the count would prevail and intense excitement. The official count had not been completed on Wednesday, a month after the election. So far as it had progressed, it revealed a Democratic majority of 271, but the vote varied upon individual electors, the opinion was expressed that the electoral vote may be divided between Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Harrison. The official count was completed on Thursday. The Democrats elect eight of the nine electors and the Republicans one.

A CORRESPONDENT asks what was Harrison's majority in Pennsylvania. The majority of Harrison, which is over all, viz: Cleveland, Bidwell and Weaver, is 29,910. Harrison's plurality, that is the excess of votes over those cast for Cleveland, is 63,747. There is so much misconception of words "majority" and "plurality," that the foregoing figures are given in order that a complete answer may be made.—*Watchman*.

IT is refreshing to find a Democratic Governor-elect who does not propose to be tricked out of the office to which the people have called him. Gov. elect Osborn of Wyoming, met the conspiracy of Republican officials to reverse the result of the election, which gave him 1,700 majority, by taking the oath of office with true Jacksonian promptness and pluck. If "possession is nine points of the law," the Democrats of Wyoming do not intend to give the State-stealers all the advantage.—*World*.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9, 1892.
Editor of Compiler: Mr. Harrison has always been credited with being personally above trickery, but that belief has been a little shaken by his acceptance of the tricky figures of Secretary Charles Foster, concerning the finances of the Government for the next fiscal year. According to these figures, instead of the deficit which nearly everybody—including Secretary Foster himself—had given as the result of the financial study he had made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, there will be a surplus of nearly \$3,000,000. This is purely and simply a Republican trick, and it was tacitly admitted in Mr. Harrison's message for no other purpose than to enable the Republicans to charge when the expected deficit comes that it was brought about by Democratic weakness and extravagance. Mr. Harrison must have felt ashamed of the figures himself for he took care to qualify them by saying, very important "if" and "when." If that deficit is avoided it will be by the exercise of Democratic statesmanship and economy in the present Congress, and if the Republican Senators can show the good will of the country they would better not attempt to increase the appropriation bills as they will be passed by the House.

Representative Hooker, of Mississippi, is very sanguine that the bill introduced by him changing the time for the meeting of Congress from December to March will become a law. He is certain that it will get through the House, and has assurances from Senators which cause him to believe that it will not be seriously opposed in the Senate, and there is reason to believe that Mr. Harrison will willingly sign the bill. Should it become a law the first regular session of the Fifty-third Congress would begin next March instead of next December.

Representative Allen, or "Private John Allen, of Mississippi," as his friends call him, enjoys the reputation of being the wittiest man in Congress, and his summary of Mr. Harrison's message—"The message sounds like a motion for a new trial, but I do not think the country is going to grant it," has detracted nothing from his reputation.

Republican Senators are to be given an opportunity to show whether they have been honest in their talk against the present silver law. Senator Hill has introduced a bill for the repeal of that law, and a similar bill has been introduced in the House by Representative William Brewster, of Massachusetts.

Senator West wants to know who is responsible for the "pernicious activity" in behalf of the Republican party during the late campaign, and he has offered a resolution, a little investigation, and in a few remarks thereon he stated that he had been informed that the chief of a Census bureau was indicted, was arrested and laid under an accusation name for trying to work a scheme to keep 350 Democratic voters in the State of New York away from the polls had, after having his resignation asked for and given, been rewarded for his act.

LARGE lot of light and heavy Flynets to be closed out at exceedingly low prices. W. D. McSHANEY.

From Fairfield.

Mrs. Waller & Lowe had a fine riding and driving horse a few days ago.

Geo. E. Brown has taken the position at the railroad station, formerly filled by John T. Clark.

The Rathard Company has put a coating of stone on the footwalk near the town. We think it will be an improvement over the black cinder.

A. O. Scott has been granted a pension of \$15 per month, with about \$170 back pay.

Mathew Steiner has also been granted a pension of \$12 per month, with \$18 back pay.

Thomas Waller & Co. have sold their property at the Union school-house to Wm. G. Smith, terms private.

Wm. G. Culp and wife have sold their saw-mill property in the mountain, containing about 25 acres with improvements, to J. O. Mickley, price \$600.

Henry Clark has sold to Wm. Steiner one acre of land near his other lot at Ortonia, price \$115.

A shadow of grief was cast over our village by the announcement of the death of A. C. Meissner. I presume that it was deplored on Saturday by the friends of the deceased.

Mr. Harry Myers sold his young roan horse "Dixie" to a party from Sonoma, Calif. He never griped. Sold by J. M. Huber.

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